

REMARKS

Claims 3, 13 and 14 currently remain in the application. Claims 1, 2 and 4 have been canceled, claims 5-12 have been withdrawn, claim 3 is herein amended, and claims 13 and 14 are newly added claims.

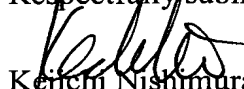
Claims 3 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 over Tsuruoka in view of Zimmerman with Kato additionally considered regarding claim 4. In part in view of the reason for rejection by the Examiner, claim 3 is herein amended to more narrowly limit the nature of the unevenness of the detection surface as having a plurality of mutually adjacent protrusions in the cover that are shaped such that they become narrower in the direction of the protrusion. Claim 4 is accordingly canceled.

Tsuruoka was correctly characterized by the Examiner as not having unevenness in the surface. Zimmerman was cited for such unevenness but amended claim 4 is distinguishable from Zimmerman or Kato in that Zimmerman and Kato do not disclose any protective cover that has protrusions of the kind specifically characterized in claim 4. It is therefore to be concluded that combination of the cited references does not render claim 4 obvious in view thereof. Newly added claims 13 and 14 are supported by the specification and hence believed enterable and are for the purpose of even more narrowly characterizing the protrusions as being directed externally and serving to prevent the formation of continuous water drops.

A portion of the specification has been further amended herein. It is for more clearly characterizing Figs. 4A, 4B and 4C and hence does not introduce any new matter and is believed enterable.

In summary, it is believed that the present Amendment is totally responsive to the Office Action and hence that the application is now in condition for allowance.

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